

# JCOC group sees Moody in action

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Lumbering down the wet road, an armored-vehicle convoy traveled through a mock-hostile territory. Behind a screen of smoke, shots began to ring through the air from the distant tree line. Quickly reacting, the 823rd Security Forces Squadron neutralized the problem by whatever means possible.

"This convoy may show the distinguished visitors that certain units in the Air Force are very capable of conducting ground combat operations," said Staff Sgt. Zachary Simpson, the 823rd SFS.

The demonstration was one of several held Tuesday during the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference here showcasing the Air Force's capabilities to the 70 DVs.

"We provided personal protective security for the DVs," said Master Sgt. Elise Pierce, the 347th Security Forces Squadron, "and police-services support for various planned events."

The planned events were part a week-long tour for civilian leaders to become acquainted with national



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel Martinez)

**Maj. Warren Cohn (center), 823rd Security Forces Squadron commander, briefs members of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference in the back of a military truck on what they are about to experience during a convoy attack demonstration.**

defense issues through hands-on experiences. Because of its diverse missions, Moody was selected to showcase a spectrum of the Air Force's activities and operations.

"I personally think it's fantastic that Moody was chosen out of all the available choices," said Maj. Gregory Laffitte, the 479th Operation Support Squadron. "It shows great people are doing great things."

The JCOC participants began to witness these 'great things' with Air Education and Training Command's 479th Flying Training Group.

They went on tours of the 3rd, 435th and 49th Flying Training Squadrons, and they saw T-6A Texan II and T-38 static displays and simulators.

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## CENTAF, AMC changing way deployments flow

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** -- Airmen deploying to the U.S. Central Command theater in the past knew where they were going to land when boarding Air Mobility Command rotator flights in the United States, but most of them didn't know exactly how they were going to be routed to their final destination.

In November 2004, AMC briefly froze the rotator system to implement several new processes, increasing predictability, efficiency and stability in travel to and from the area of

responsibility. While frozen, the system was temporarily unavailable for travel booking -- a short pause that did not cause anybody to miss needed flights.

The process in place before the current rotation didn't provide advanced booking from the main transit hub in theater to final deployed destinations. Airmen reaching the hub were essentially responsible for working with travel planners there to book their own intra-theater travel. Since travel planners also had limited visibility on Airmen flowing into theater, Airmen often ended up spending days at the hub awaiting transportation.

Additional time en route delayed arrivals at final destinations and in turn held homeward-bound deployers in place longer. To allow for unpredictable travel time, home station personnel readiness units began deploying people sooner to ensure people arrived on time at final destinations.

The resulting backlog of people at the hub stressed support services there and created frustration for individual deployers. Travel time does not "count" toward the 120-day deployment clock that begins upon arrival at the deployed location.

To improve the transportation system

for this rotation, planners have made major changes to ensure deployments flow well.

The first step was changing the process so transportation schedulers rather than individual Airmen are responsible for taking action to request the most efficient travel arrangements. Similar to booking travel in the civilian world, logistics planners are working toward a "single ticket" system in which each deployer will be given full travel routing before departure from home station.

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# AFAF donation season to end soon

## Last chance to 'help your own'...

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Fall of last year, a series of hurricanes affected hundreds of service members in the Southeast. These Airmen received money necessary to cover their expenses of a mass evacuation from agencies that are supported by the Air Force Assistance Fund.

The annual AFAF drive will continue until May 7 to give Moody Airmen the opportunity to help those Airmen in need, whom are our friends, co-workers and neighbors.

"AFAF is 'Airmen helping Airmen,'" said Senior Master Sgt. Alton Flowers, Moody's AFAF assistant

project officer. "The contributions made to this fundraiser comes back to help Airmen and their families."

The AFAF needs this participation from the Airmen because it doesn't receive any taxpayer contributions. It was established to raise funds for charitable affiliates, such as the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Indigent Widow's Fund, the Air Force Enlisted Village and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

"This year's contributions have already exceeded last years total, and we still have more than a week to go in the campaign," Sergeant Flowers said.

This year's AFAF goal was more than \$59,000, yet more than \$64,000 has already been contributed, said 1st Lt. Christine Compton, Moody's AFAF project officer.

This money contributed to the AFAF not only provides assistance to service members and their families during disasters, but also during personal crisis. One Moody family's refrigerator quit working last year, and they had

only half the purchase price of a new one in savings. The AFAF was able to provide a quick enough response to help the family purchase a new refrigerator before their food spoiled.

"If you have never had to use any of these programs that the AFAF supports, then you have been very fortunate," Sergeant Flowers said. "But, no one knows what tomorrow will bring, so the AFAF and its charities are there to help."

Another emergency situation arose when the wife of an Airman found herself stranded in the Philippines after missing a connecting flight. She did not have the cash available to change the ticket, so the AFAF helped to provide her enough money to take the next flight home.

"All members of 'Team Moody' should look to support the AFAF knowing that they're Airmen helping their fellow Airmen," said Col. Brad Heithold, the 347th Rescue Wing commander.

## Environment highlighted during special day

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The 347th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Compliance Flight wrapped up a week of events on Earth Day, April 22 concerning the importance of recycling.

The group went to W.G. Nunn Elementary School, the Youth Center, the Child Development Center, and the Base Exchange with displays, presentations and recycled giveaways to encourage recycling.

Earth Day has been celebrated since April 22, 1970 after Senator Gaylord Nelson's vision. The 35th Anniversary not only held significance in helping preserve the Earth and but also to make people aware of Executive Order 13101.

"We do Earth Day here to help the environment and to let everybody know that we are concerned about the environment," said Elvis Lane, 347th CES pollution prevention manager. "Col. Brad Heithold is an active part of saving and protecting the Earth."

The executive order allows us to have Earth Day and recycle. Lane said that everyone at Moody is required to recycle because of the executive order. He

would also like for people to understand why the environmental flight and Sloan Associates, the new base refuse contractor, encourage recycling and come to pick up their trash.

"We are promoting people to understand that we are not just coming by their building not just to pick up trash or not just to do it for the fun," said Lane. "We want them to understand that there is a reason to protect the environment. We want to save the environment for our kids, our future and to protect the base."

The executive order also called for a percentage of the amount of solid waste accumulated at Moody and each base must be recycled. The full amount of solid waste can not just be discarded and taken to a land fill.

"Our goal for the Air Force was 40 percent and it was to be done by this year, 2005, but here at Moody we are at 30 percent," said Lane. "Things we do on base can harm the environment, we have to watch and be good stewards of our base to make sure that whatever we do, we have to leave this base just like it is."

Lane said he thinks Moody will be able to meet the Air Force goal.

It is everyone's job to ensure people recycle. If the diversion rate goes up, the



(Photo by Airman 1st Class Angelita Collins)

**Jeff Wells, spouse of Tech. Sgt. Brenda Wells, 347th Medical Group, receives a free piggy bank from Katrina Pate (middle) and information from 2nd Lt. Theresa Clendenen, both from the 347th Civil Engineer Squadron, April 22.**

amount recycled waste to solid waste, Lane said he'll be able to tell people are participating.

National recycling rates have increased from 6.4 percent in 1960 to 32 percent in 2005. Disposing of waste through incineration has decreased from

30.6 in 1960 to 15.9 percent in 2005. Also, the use of landfills has declined from 63 percent in 1960 to 52.1 percent in 2005.

(Some information courtesy of [www.tufts.edu](http://www.tufts.edu))

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"Hopefully after our guests have departed," said Master Sgt. Eddie Haskins, the 347th Civil Engineer Squadron, "they feel the same pride, professionalism and performance we try to demonstrate at Moody everyday."

During the afternoon, static displays and flying

demonstrations showed the participants the Air Force's ability to address national defense issues through 'Airpower.'

Yet, without the Airmen who were behind the scenes, these demonstrations would not have been possible.

"We had to clean and prepare our entire vehicle fleet in preparation for the DVs and all of

the pilots participating in the demonstrations and static displays," said Staff Sgt. Adam Elder, 347th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Also behind the scenes were the Airmen of the 347th CES who ensured the base was in pristine condition, and the Airmen of the 347th Communication Squadron who ensured that the guests knew

where to go and what was happening.

"We had to do site surveys of all the different locations where we would be setting up Public Address systems," said Tech. Sgt. Dalton McCloud, 347th Communications Squadron.

Almost every Airman on base was involved in some way to make the JCOC a success, from

ensuring all needs were taken care of to the demonstrations of 'Airpower.'

"Airmen came out the woodwork to make this event a success," said Lt. Col. Patrick Hollrah, 347th Operations Group. "The Airmen of 'Team Moody' should be very proud of how they came together to make JCOC the success it was."